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ABSTRACT

The bibliography is oriented toward the diseases that affect oysters and is not concerned with human diseases that may be transmitted by raw shellfish. References to parasites and diseases of pearl oysters (Pteriidae) have been included, even though such bivalves are not true oysters (Ostreidae). References to mortalities of oysters have been included only if a pathogen was associated or suspected. Particular emphasis has been placed on disease states resulting from an infectious agent or parasite invasion.

INTRODUCTION

Because of their worldwide economic importance, oysters are among the most thoroughly studied of marine invertebrates. Disease is one aspect of oyster biology that has received particular attention. Literature on parasites and diseases of oysters has accumulated at a surprising and accelerating rate. Preparation of a recent review of diseases of Mollusca and Crustacea provided an opportunity to assemble many of the publications and references on oysters diseases--a large part of which could not be included in a general review. Consequently, it seemed useful to publish a bibliography concerned specifically with oyster diseases, in view of the amount of material available and the current expanding interest in the subject.

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